PRESENT—*cont.*

Siva Rao, Mr. P.
Sivasubrahmanya Ayyar, Mr. K. S.
Slater, C.M.G., C.I.E., I.C.S., Mr. S. H.
Soundarapandia Nadar, Mr. W. P. A.
Souter, I.C.S., Mr. C. A.
Srinivasa Ayyangar, Mr. R.
Srinivasa Ayyangar, Mr. T. C.
Srinivasan, Rao Sahib R.
Subrahmanya Moopanar, Mr. S.
Subrahmanya Pillai, Mr. Chavadi K.
Swami, Mr. K. V. R.
Syed Ibrahim Sahib Bahadur, Nattam Dubash Kadir Sahib.
Tajudin Sahib Bahadur, Syed.
Tampoe, I.C.S., Mr. A. McG. C.
Thomas, Mr. Daniel.
Tulasiram, Mr. L. K.
Uppi Sahib Bahadur, K.
Vanavudaiya Gounder, Mr. S. V.
Venkatapathi Raju, Mr. P. C.
Venkatarama Ayyar, Mr. K. R.
Venkataramana Ayyangar, Mr. C. V
Venkatarangam Nayudu, Mr. C.
Venkataratnam, Mr. B.
Venkiah, Mr. S.
Wathen, M.B.E., Mr. F. B.
Watson, I.C.S., Mr. H. A.
Wright, Mr. W. O.
Zamindar of Gollapalli.
Zamindar of Kallikota.
Zamindar of Mirzapuram.
Zamindar of Seithur.
Smith, Mr. W. E.
Ramunni Menon, Diwan Bahadur K.

I
NEW MEMBERS.

The following new members made the prescribed oath or affirmation of allegiance to the Crown and then took their seats :—

Mr. W. E. Smith

Diwan Bahadur K. Ramunni Menon.

II
QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS

Agriculture

Action to be taken on the Report of the Royal Commission on Agriculture.

11 a.m. * 68 Q.—Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(*a*) the measures the Government have taken or intend to take on the report of the Royal Agricultural Commission so far as this province is concerned ; and

(*b*) whether they have decided that the field of recruitment for the superior and provincial service should not be restricted to either this province or to India ?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The matter is under consideration.

Carrying out of the recommendations of the Royal Commission on Agriculture.

* 69 Q.—Mr. J. A. Saldanha : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(*a*) by what ways and means the Local Government on their own initiative and with their own authority or in co-operation with or under orders of the Government of India are going to carry out the several recommendations of the Royal Agricultural Commission in the various departments ;

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(*b*) whether it is decided or contemplated to open new experimental agricultural farms and schools in any towns and villages;

(*c*) what form and scope such farms and schools are to have in order that the results of the research work may reach the cultivators; and

(*d*) what measures are resolved to be taken to meet the apathy of landlords to take to improved seeds and new methods of cultivation?

A.—(*a*) The matter is under consideration. The Government of India have however called for a conference of representatives of Local Governments to deliberate how best the recommendations of the Royal Commission can be put into effect.

(*b*) No such proposal is under contemplation just now.

(*c*) Does not arise.

(*d*) The Government will consider the question and welcome any suggestion the hon. Member may wish to make.

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA:—"With reference to the answer to clause (*a*), may I know on what subjects this Government will take action without the consent of the Government of India?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR:—"Even that is still under consideration."

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA:—"As regards the opening of new experimental farms and schools, which have been recommended to the Local Government long ago and which have also been recommended by the Royal Commission on Agriculture, may I know why they are postponed?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR:—"They are being postponed as the matter is under consideration."

Sriman BISWANATH DAS MAHASAYO:—"With reference to the answer to clause (*a*) wherein it is mentioned that a conference will be held, may I know where it will be held and whether the agenda will include only the Report of the Royal Commission on Agriculture?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR:—"The conference will be held at Simla on the 1st of October of this year and the agenda has been prepared on the basis of the recommendations of the report and they will be discussed there."

Rao Bahadur C. S. RATNASABAPATHI MUDALIYAR:—"May I know whether the personnel is settled?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR:—"Yes."

Rao Bahadur C. S. RATNASABAPATHI MUDALIYAR:—"May I know whether non-officials are included in the personnel?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR:—"Yes. A retired official who can be taken as a non-official."

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA:—"May I know when the Local Government will take action on the recommendations of the Report of the Royal Agricultural Commission?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR:—"The matter is under consideration."